

# Performer Profiles...

## James Valentine Quartet

Multi-talented James Valentine leads his quartet to bring you some classic Australian pub rock songs weaved into wonderfully evocative jazz arrangements. James studied jazz in Melbourne however his first brush with musical fame was as a saxophonist on the burgeoning Australian pop scene in the early 80's. After almost a decade he hung up his saxophone to build a successful career as a journalist and radio and television presenter but his love for jazz compelled him to return to music and the formation of The James Valentine Quartet. James is joined by Gary Daley on keyboards, Peter Kohlhoff on bass and Cameron Reid on drums.

## Nic Jeffries

With his debut release launched in 2011, Nic Jeffries is quickly gaining a reputation as one of the rising young stars of the Australian music scene.

At Thredbo, he presents the music from his new album, with fresh takes on songs by some of the artists that have inspired and shaped his career: Stevie Wonder; Donny Hathaway and Michael Jackson. Expect to also hear some beautiful interpretations with his band of songs from the great American Song book. An artist not to be missed!

## The Andrew Dickeson Quintet

Andrew Dickeson has elevated himself beyond his universally accepted perch as a stellar sideman and is now staking his claim as a distinguished bandleader. He says- "As my playing evolved over many years as a sideman, I knew that it was time to make a musical statement of my own and to present music with my 'fingerprint' on it. My concept was to have a band that was creative, polished and swingin', in which each tune would be a musical journey, for us and listeners. I chose musicians who could create the sound and feeling I aimed for, and they've responded beautifully.

## Shirazz

Shirazz plays classic trad jazz as it was meant to be played. With hot solos, driving rhythms and tight arrangements, a set from Shirazz is a step back in time, to a jumping New Orleans dance hall where fast, hot tunes intersect with swinging standards and laid-back Louisiana street beats. In February this year Shirazz released their new album, "Enjoy Responsibly". The album will be available at all the band's gigs during the festival.

## Dan Barnett - Singer, Trombonist

Dan Barnett is a natural bandleader with the personality and charisma to charm the most demanding of audiences. Add his talents as a fine, swinging vocalist and excellent trombone player, and you have the complete package... "one of the most satisfying sounds in Australian music". Drums - Graham Hilgendorf, Organ - Darren Heinrich, Guitar - Sam Rollings, Reeds - Andrew "Jock" Robertson.

## The Date Brothers

Ian and Nigel Date play Gypsy Jazz guitar. They get together when they can to play Hot Club inspired jazz. The Date Brothers were kidnapped by pirates at a young age when their parents took them sailing through the Straits of Hormuz. They were held captive for 4 years. Upon their release, everyone was astonished by their developed guitar playing skills. They like to play gypsy jazz and travel around.

## Jeff Duff

For Thredbo, Jeff will rock out with his amazing trio featuring brilliant keyboard player Glenn Rhodes, and drummer Paul Wheeler. Jeff and Glenn have been working together as Duff & Rhodes for many years. The duo has been hailed as the best duo in Australia by Sydney music magazine Drum Media due to their soulful harmonies and exciting live performances. This time around at Thredbo Jeff will add a few great front line musicians to the line-up for the special late night gigs.

## Sarah MmKenzie Quartet

Enchanted by the sound of the blues, pianist, vocalist and composer, Sarah McKenzie found her passion in Jazz after stumbling across a compilation record that featured the famous jazz pianist Oscar Peterson and his composition, Night Train. At just 24 years of age her musical pedigree is impeccable having being mentored by jazz legends on the Australian and international scene. 2011 sees the release of Sarah's Debut Album. Don't Tempt Me which contains extraordinary takes on classic pop, blues and jazz tunes.

## The Shuffle Club

The Shuffle Club's style is most easily described as a hot blend of jazz, swing, blues and boogie with the kind of energy and enthusiasm that will bring you onto the dance floor. They have delighted audiences throughout Australia, UK, Europe Mexico, the Caribbean and Japan. This talented quartet of vocalists and multi-instrumentalists create the kind of musical harmony that will leave you with a smile on your face for days. The Shuffle club is Ashley Gaudion on Saxophone and vocals, Rodney Gilbert on drums and vocals, Double Bass and vocals, Paul Griska and Dannie Bourne on keyboard and vocals.

## "Catch great music and wines from Yalumba"

## Ray Beadle

An exhilarating guitarist, entralling singer-songwriter, and extremely talented performer. He is the genuine article, his music comes deep from the heart and soul, stirring emotions in people with his guitar genius. Ray's music is rich with a deep history of the Blues; Rich from 20 years of experiences garnered from performing Nationally and Internationally; and rich from a deep understanding of his instrument and how to make it stir something within the listener. He knows that's what the Blues is about. Ray is joined by a his usual great line up of musicians

## Hot Potato

'Hot Potato!' brings New Orleans to the streets of New South Wales with traditional and modern arrangements of some of the hippest tunes to date. Sure to put a smile on your face, this energetic band is filled with life, fun and laughs as they make you the centre of their performance... literally!

## Kirrawee High School Stage Band

The Kirrawee High Stage Band consists of students ranging in age from 15 to 18 years. In addition to appearances at Jazz Festivals throughout NSW, the band has also toured internationally including trips to South Africa, China and Cuba (3 times). They are the only school band in the world to have visited Cuba where they have studied and played with many of that country's finest musicians.

## James Muller

Australian guitarist James Muller is one of the most exciting and innovative musicians on the Australian music scene today. His distinctive sound, coupled with masterful improvisation and breathtaking virtuosity, has made him one of the most respected and significant young musicians in the country. James has recorded with Dale Barlow, Don Burrows, Renee Geyer, Jimmy Barnes, Mike Nock, Christian McBride and many more. James will appear as a guest artist across the weekend.

This year Thredbo Jazz Festival celebrates 25 years in style with an All-Star concert comprising some of Australia's finest musicians. The Concert begins with the Date Brothers and their version of gypsy swing followed by a host of special guests backed by Andrew Dickeson Trio. The second half will honour the great swing tradition of the 1940s. Dan Barnett and Andrew Dickeson have combined their band leading talents to form an impressive big band of talented musicians. Add a few singers and incomparable host in James Valentine and you have an evening of food, music and entertainment not to be missed. For dinner bookings and concert phone 6459 4200. \$90 for festival pass holder and \$120 for non pass holders. For more info visit [thredbojazz.com.au](http://thredbojazz.com.au)

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\*In the event of extreme wet weather please refer to the YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED wet weather alternate venues  
WINE TASTING BARS will be open between these times through out the Indoor, Outdoor and Restaurant venues.

dining out  
guide

Thredbo's restaurants are very popular during the festival, so book early!

Venue	Time	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	Venue	Time		
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RESTAURANT	PHONE	B'FAST	LUNCH	DINNER	BOOKINGS
Alfresco Pizzeria	02 6457 6327				NA
Altitude 1380 Café	02 6457 6190				NA
Apres Bar	02 6457 6222				NA
Avalanche Café	02 6457 6131				NA
Bernti's Tapas Bar	02 6457 6332				NA
Black Bear	02 6457 6216				NA
The Pub Food	02 6459 4200				NA
Kebabz Café / Alpine Chinese	02 6457 7080				NA
Cascades Restaurant	02 6459 4200				Essential
Knickerbocker	02 6457 6844				Essential
Eagle's Nest Restaurant	02 6457 6019				Essential
Santé Restaurant	02 6457 6083				Essential
Terrace Restaurant	02 6457 6222				Essential
Snowflakes Bakery	02 6457 7157				NA
House of Ullr Bar & Grill	02 6457 6210				For Dinner
T-Bar Restaurant	02 6457 6355				NA
Gourmet 42	02 6457 7500				NA
The Alpine Larder at Crackenback	02 6451 3000				For Dinner

## Festival Information

**BAD WEATHER ALTERNATIVES**  
All outdoor performances will be rescheduled to the venues highlighted in yellow as the wet weather alternate venues. See the Festival ticket booth for exact venues and any program changes.

**FESTIVAL PASSES**  
Thredbo's festival passes are a wristband that must be secured to the wrist to gain entrance to festival venues, please help our festival hosts to check your wristband as you enter each venue.  
All details were correct at time of printing, however Tourism Thredbo reserves the right to change information at any time, without notice, without incurring obligations.

**ACCOMMODATION HOTLINES**  
Thredbo Resort Centre 1300 020 589  
Australian Alpine Resorts 1300 138 311  
Visit Snowy Mountains 02 6457 7132 or [www.thredbojazz.com.au](http://www.thredbojazz.com.au)  
Join the mailing list at the ticket booth to receive regular jazz information.



WINE TASTING BAR 5.00pm-8.00pm Friday at The Festival Ticket Office.

Festival Prices	Free Chairlift rides available from Midday Friday through to Sunday afternoon for Full WEEKEND TICKET HOLDERS only. Late night ticket sales available from the Hotel Reception \$20
Three Day Festival Pass	\$140
1 Day Festival Pass	\$70
Evening Pass from 6pm	\$45
Child U14 (doesn't include chairlift) free	